

General Assembly

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Offered by:

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"AN ACT CONCERNING A COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL."

- 1 In line 1, before "(NEW)" insert "Section 1."
- 2 After line 29, insert the following:
- 3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) The Governor may establish, within the
- 4 Governor's office, an Office of State-Tribal Relations. The office shall be
- 5 staffed by a person or persons with expertise in Indian law and shall
- 6 assist the Governor in a research and advisory capacity with respect to
- 7 laws and regulations concerning federally-recognized Indian tribes
- 8 and the social, economic and legal relationship between the state and
- 9 the federally-recognized Indian tribes in the state.
- 10 (b) An advisory committee to the Office of State-Tribal Relations
- shall be established to inform the office of critical issues affecting state-
- 12 tribal relations. The advisory committee shall be composed of the
- 13 following members: One representative from the Governor's office;
- 14 one representative from each of Connecticut's federally-recognized

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tribes; the president pro tempore of the Senate, or a designee; the minority leader of the Senate, or a designee; the speaker of the House of Representatives, or a designee; the minority leader of the House of Representatives, or a designee; the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety, or their designees; and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or a designee.

(c) (NEW) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall employ such professional and research staff with expertise in Indian law as deemed necessary to assist the General Assembly in a research and advisory capacity with respect to laws and regulations concerning federally-recognized Indian tribes and the social, economic and legal relationship between the state and federally-recognized Indian tribes in the state. The Office of Legislative Research shall report to the General Assembly every two years on enacted legislation and regulatory matters that impact state-tribal relations."

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